

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4-7, and 9-11 are rejected. Claims 2, 3 and 8 are objected to. Applicants file an amendment herewith to cancel Claim 2, and amend Claims 1, 8 and 10. No new matter is added by the present amendment.

The Examiner has objected to Claims 2, 3 and 8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner states, however, that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Applicants have done just that.


As amended, rejected Claim 1 now includes the limitations of Claim 2. Consistent with the presentation of the limitations of Claim 2 into Claim 1, Claim 2 is now canceled. As this amendment has the effect of rewriting Claim 2 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim, Applicants submit that Claim 2 is now allowable.

Further, all other pending claims (objected to Claims 3 and 8 and rejected Claims 4-7 and 9-11) are now dependent upon allowable Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that these claims are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. In order to expedite disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number below to resolve any remaining issues. Should there be a fee due which is not accounted for, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 501447 (Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP).

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